

## SPECIAL PROCESSING SUBMISSION

<b>32692</b> Customer Number	<b>PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR § 1.137(b)</b>	Case No.: 59419US002
Attention: Office of Petitions Mail Stop Petition  Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 FAX: 571-273-8300	First Named Inventor: SCHERER, RICHARD J.	
	Application No: 10/788684	Filed: February 27, 2004
	Title: CONNECTOR APPARATUS	
	Confirmation No.: 7027	

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office Notice or Action plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

### APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee — required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

- (1) ☐ Please charge the fee provided in 37 CFR § 1.17(m) to Deposit Account No. 13-3723. One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.
- ☒ Any required fee will be paid at the time of EFS-Web submission.
- ☒ If necessary, charge any required fee, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3723.

(2) Reply

A. The reply to the Final Office Action dated December 29, 2006 in the form of a Brief on Appeal (identify type of reply): ☐ has been filed previously on \_\_\_\_\_.

☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_:

☐ has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_. Copies of the Issue Fee Transmittal form and postcard receipt are enclosed.

(3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

☐ Since this utility application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no Terminal disclaimer is required.

☐ A Terminal Disclaimer (and disclaimer fee) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed.

(4) **STATEMENT:** The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR § 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE: The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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Enclosures: ☐ One copy of this sheet marked duplicate is also enclosed.  
☒ Reply (Brief on Appeal)  
☐ Terminal disclaimer  
☐ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_